

MAS Advisory Board Meeting February 16, 2011
8:15 pm

Meeting called to order - 6:15 pm Meeting adjourned -

Board Members present:
Steven Tower
John Cox
Allen Iskiwitz
Jackie Johns
Cindy Sanders, acting Chair/secretary
Ex-officio:
Matt Pepper, MAS Administrator

Old Business:

Appointments to MAS Board - pending in Mayor's office
GPS system

New Business:

Report by Matthew Pepper, MAS Administrator
Community Outreach is surging - many upcoming events
MAS partnering with the Zoo, Redbirds, Pink Palace
Two compassion fatigue classes will be held.
The Valentine's Day Adoption event was extremely successful.

John Cox -

Recommend longer probation period for ACOs.
The idea of "dogcatcher" is an outmoded idea. ACO must be more than that.
Recommends a tiered system for ACOs.
Volunteered to approach Union to negotiate changes.

Allen Iskiwitz-

Needs to be more flexibility on treatment of owned animals and the s/n ordinance.
Supervisors must review logs.
Supervisors must be empowered and encouraged to enforce rules and policies.

Jackie Johns-

Owners surrendering litters should receive information regarding potential outcome.
ACO logs - review of most recent logs indicates quite a bit of down time, few calls responded to, returning to shelter early, officers duplicating logs (same shift, same day, two different officers, identical logs) Waste of tax dollars.

Cindy Sanders-

Owner must not be removed from the equation of using private Vet for s/n.
MAS should not become the wedge between an owner and a Vet.
Recommend signage for shelter regarding s/n law.
Tardy policy must be written and enforced.

Steven Tower-

Shelter must adhere to a certain standard of pre-op care and surgical care.
If MAS is going to force owned animals into s/n compliance, there must be excellent surgical care.
The supervisors must review logs and make report to Administrators.
Credit card should be in use by April 1.

Matt Pepper -

Operations Manager has 8 years military and 5 years police experience.
OP is developing equipment/vehicle maintenance schedule.
MAS is working with MPD on call response.
City has implemented evaluations and MAS is ready to start the City process.
Chameleon system has GPS capability. Report next meeting.
Special needs - Vet determines based on age/medical. Determination only made by the Vet.

Floor opened to public

Unidentified speaker - concerns regarding animals with dire needs upon shelter arrival. Are requirements be met to supply food/water and medical care.

City response - animals are immediately viewed. A walk through occurs every hour during business hours.

Beverly King - City GPS is at a standstill. This is ridiculous.

Trey Acosta - MAS should not force owned animals to be neutered at the shelter. Owners should be issued a citation and required to come before judge as stated in s/n ordinance. MAS should not pick and choose laws it wants to obey.
City response - MAS must keep in line with ordinances. Vet makes determination regarding s/n. Disagree MAS is selecting which laws to enforce.
City Attorney - ordinances are drafted by Council members and they don't often understand how to draft laws. The City needs to correct their mistakes.